



DU PAGE COUNTY

Economic Development Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, January 16, 2024

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

The 8:30AM meeting was called to order by Chair Lynn LaPlante at 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair LaPlante read the language allowing remote participation for Members Yoo and Covert to participate remotely under 7(A) of the Open Meetings Act. Member Rutledge made a motion and Member Galassi seconded the motion, motion carries.

Also in attendance for the meeting were Members Cronin-Cahill, Deacon-Garcia, and Evans.

PRESENT	Childress, Galassi, LaPlante, and Rutledge
REMOTE	Covert, and Yoo

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A. [24-0384](#)

Economic Development Committee Minutes - November 21, 2023, for approval.

Attachments: [Economic Development Committee Minutes - November 21, 2023](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Sheila Rutledge
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

4. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR LAPLANTE

Chair LaPlante welcomed the Committee and introduced presenter Lora Kim Kwan from Re:new. The Chair was excited to share this presentation with the committee as this is a woman owned and operated organization in Glen Ellyn, helping refugee and migrant women, while impacting the economic development of DuPage County.

Chair LaPlante also addressed the Committee regarding the reading of motions. The Chair requested that she is able to completely finish reading the motion prior to any Committee member making a second, this is both respectful to the Chair as well as other Committee members.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

6. BUDGET TRANSFERS

6.A. [24-0386](#)

Transfer funds from account 5000-2840-53806 (Software Licenses) to account 5000-2840-51000 (Benefit Payments), in the amount of \$5,300, to provide funds to cover benefit payments (vacation & sick time payouts) for specific employees for FY23.

Attachments: [Econ Dev Budget Transfer for Committee_Redacted](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Sheila Rutledge

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.A. [FI-R-0016-24](#)

Acceptance and Appropriation of the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity PY24 State Supplemental Funds, Inter-Governmental Agreement No. 24-071006, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 2840, \$65,165. (Human Resources Department)

Attachments: [Budget Page - Atch 1](#)
[24-071006 Grant Agreement-AttachmentII_Redacted](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

8. PRESENTATION

8. A. Re:new Project - Lora Kim Kwan

Lora Kim Kwan, Executive Director of Re:New, presented to the Committee members about the nonprofit organization that serves refugee women resettled in and around DuPage County.

Re:new provides a space for community members to build relationships with refugee women, assist with challenges refugees encounter in the resettlement process, and helps them find full time employment. The shop offers job coaching and case management, in addition to its ESL and sewing classes, and finds refugee women employment in DuPage County.

Re:new Project is a faith-based non-profit providing dignified work for refugee women.

9. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair LaPlante at 9:03AM.